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The author has very properly excluded all matter from his report of a case not bearing on the subject for which it was selected. The book, therefore, is in no sense padded. There are, except possibly on page 243, no notes by the author. This we believe to be unfortunate, as it gives the impression, which may be erroneous that the author has merely looked at a line of cases and has found one to suit his purpose and then put that in without having made an exhaustive study of the subject. The printing is fair, but the paper and general appearance of the book is wretched. From the point of view of the author's convenience, something may be said in following the original reporter in placing the notes of one case in the text and of the next case in the foot-notes; but it does not tend to give the idea that care has been expended in the preparation of the manuscript for the printer.

H. A.

THE LAW OF SURETYSHIP. By ARTHUR A. STEARNS. Pp. 553. Cincinnati, Ohio: W. H. Anderson Company. 1903.

Suretyship and Guaranty is no new subject, but it is still a growing branch of the law. In the last decade and ever since the advent of surety companies its growth has been most marked. The relations between the parties to a surety contract have been more clearly defined than ever before. In the present work the author has endeavored to give to the profession a treatise which would present the law as it is to-day. He has not wasted words. Long disquisitions on doubtful points have been avoided and in their place a brief statement of the opposing theories has been given with an indication of the weight of authority on the subject. There are copious citations from all jurisdictions in support of the various legal propositions, those from the Western states being particularly abundant. The book is so arranged and indexed that it must prove a ready help to any lawyer, and especially to the busiest who has little time for extended study.

A. L. D.

UNITED STATES V. MEXICO. Report in the matter of the Case of the Pius Fund of the Californias, heard before a tribunal of the permanent Court of Arbitration, under the Hague Convention of 1899, sitting at the Hague, September 18, 1902, to October 14, 1902, with Pleadings, Appendix, Exhibits, Briefs and Records of the entire proceedings. By JACKSON H. RALSTON, agent of the United States and of Counsel. Pp. 891. Washington: Government Printing Office. 1902.

Dating back to the latter days of the seventeenth century, the history of the Pius Fund of the Californias has been most interesting. The Senate document under review prepared by